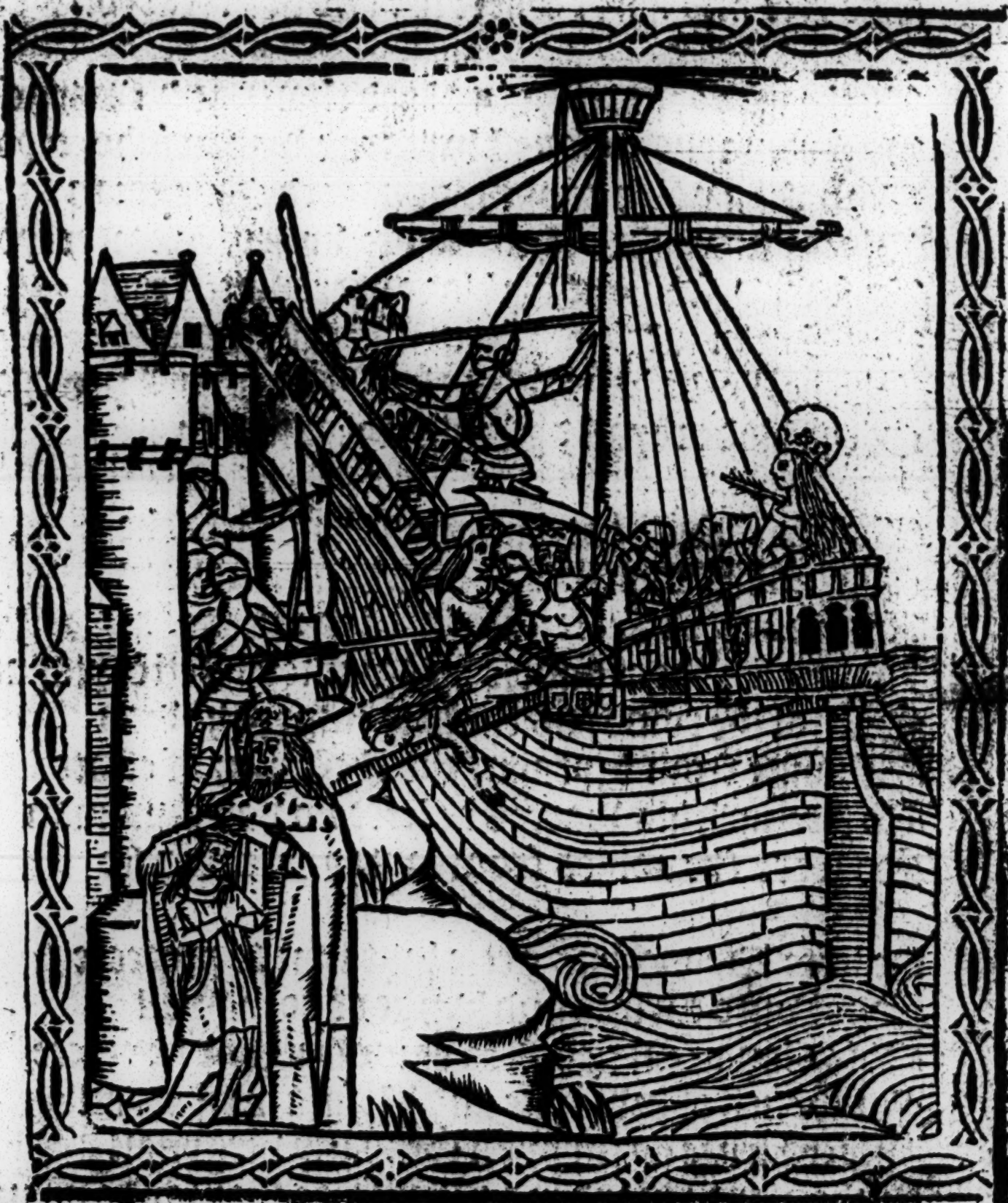


Here begynneth þe lyf of saynt Ulc.
sula after þe cronycles of englode





With constant cure eschewing Ignorance
With stedfast studie frome errour to applye
With modest mynde to withstande vanytie
Cryste with thy comforte Illumyn me luydently
Of Ursula virgyn the lyfe to verifie
In laudynge her and for our informacyon
With grace I purpose playnly to patesye
The lyfe and londe where she had her creacyon

*Byng con-
d of the bloo-
teyall.*

In the yere of god thre hondred thyrty and twayne
By þe romayns conquest brytayne was in subgeccyon
Thrughe a noble capytayne named Maximian
Whiche kepte this londe longe vnder his correccyon
By force dysinheryt the blode of trewe eleccyon
But Conan meriedok from all his dygnyte
Whiche sholde haue ruled this lode vnder his pteccyon
Of the blode royall dyscendynge lynyally

*lytell
Brytany*

Than to recompence this Conan meriedocke
Maximian conquered the londe of amozican
And gaue it to Conan his lytell to reuoke
Whiche for the conquest was named lytell brytayne
Synth of the romayns the hole empyre he wan
Takynge from brytayne the chiefe men of estate
To strength his warres he leste no valyaunt man
So were the nobles from brytayne segregate

*Dyonothus
faw to ursula.*

He leste Dyonothus grete brytayne to protecte
Fader vnto Ursula and kynge of cornewall
This Conan meriedok to cornewall dyde directe
For wyues of brytayne and Ursula in especyall
Whiche sente by shyppe a company virgynall
Xi. thousande maydens & thre scoze thousande wyues



Within the tēmes they toke theyr passage all
Whiche by grete tēpest y moost parte lost theyr lyues
Saue all the virgyns arryued within the rynde
Amonge the hoost of Gwanus and Duke melgye
Bycause they wolde not fulfyll the tprauntes mynde
There they were quelled by the henaides furiously
Thugh this occasyon Gwanus wente to the see
And lounded in bytayne blurpyng the pyncypate
Wastynge the chyrche with force and cruelte
So sayth the cronycles for our certyficate

Her hystory or legende these cronycles doth impunge
In the yere of god two hondred thyrty and eyght
Sayenge that. xi. M. virgyns bothe olde and yonge
Were quelled at colen by henaides without fyght
With Cypake pope and dyuers men of myght
But in my mynde this was chese cause of varyaunce
Whan Gwanus in bytayne deposed ordre & ryght
So he dystroyed all boke of allegaunce

The bytayns fledde this londe was so subgette
Unto the romayns they sente for exhybycyon
Whiche were exhybete and Gwanus clene delecte
By Gracyan a paynym kepyng the hole possessyon
Of all the empyre of Rome vnder his tulyon
So was this londe replete with folkes extraneous
Whiche had the actes of bytayne in derysyon
And byente theyr boke for false and erroneous

Also the cronycles in processe ben contraryed
After the actes not made Immedyatly
But now of late tyme not perfyty dystroyed
Wherfore the bytayns counted one company

Ursula.



Al. ii.

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The holy byrgyns with the women sinnumerably
Whiche with the stormes by see were drowned all
Her hystory of Colen declareth the contrary
As shall ensewe the trewe memoryall

There begynneth þe lyfe after þe lengende of Colen
In þe londe of brytayne there dwelled a crysten kynge
Nothus or Maurus named vniuersally
His wyfe ryght vertuous in payne perseuerynge
Bycause no chylde these two had lynyally
Tyll god permuted in Joye theyr mesery
Sente them a chylde to augment theyr estate
A mayde Immaculate and chaste contynually
The pryncesse of pleasaunce in prudence prerogate

This byrent byrgyn in vertue venerable
Was named Ursula heyre apparent to the lande
Of courage constaunte in cryst incomparable
Of her byrgynyte to hym she made a bande
To byrge her lampe Illumynate in her hande
Protecte eleete abiecte frone bylanye
That of her persone all prynces dyde demaunde
Them to assocypate to her byrgynyte

The fructuous fame the fayrnes of flos mundi
Was spredde ouer al how she was preelecte
Quia ciuitas supra montem nequit abscondi
So that a tyraunt a paynyn dyde her affecte
The kynge of brytayne moost souerayne of that secte
Unto his sone of her desyderatyue
Sente supplicacyons with thretenyng to delecte
Nothus her fader yf he were negatyue

This noble Nothus sore meued in his mynde

To this demaunde no responce coude deuyfe
Bycause his doughter to cryst her corps dyde bynde
And to the paynym he durst make no promyse
He fered his fury his londe wolde enterpryse
Thus gyue his answere he stode without counsell
Tyll that his doughter vertuous of wordes and wyse
Out of his herte all anger dyde expell

With prudence prompte to make contracte content
As she was taught by dyuine animoucyon
Afoze her fader she sayd she wolde consent
To wedde this prynce reseruyng this condycyon
That he were crystened grautynge an other peticyon
Of thre yeris space that he myght be instructe
Sendynge of virgyns .x. vnder my tuicyon
To euery virgyn a thousande moo conducte

The letter myssyues sealed by noble Rothus
Immedyaty in Englonde they were dyrecte
The sense therof pleased the prynce Etheus
And prayed his fader to perfourme the effecte
That for that lady his ydolles he wolde defecte
To this peticyon his fader dyde applye
And sought ouer all for virgyns prelecte
Of bothe the landes his mynde to satysfye

In lyke wyse Rothus puruayed on his partye
For shippes & stufte to perfourme theyr hole passage
And maryners good to kepe them company
With certayne women to gyue them better courage
And thus the virgyns gadzed of euery age
Of euery partye resorte grete confluence
Some poore some ryche and some of hys lygnage

Her hystory and legende sheweth suche euidence

Then Rothus sendynge a message vnto Gerasen
The quene of cicle shewed her of all the facyon
Saynt Ursulaes aunt and syster to the quene
Whiche cristened her husbāde by her swete exortacion
Chaungynge his tyranny in crystes contemplacyon
She came to brytayne with her sone Adrian
And her foure daughters of heuenly conuersacyon
Victoryn Babilla Aure and Julian

The reuerent rumoz thurgh out all realmes reygned
With kynges and quenes and lordes of estate
With dyuers bysshoppes wout theyr nobre assygned
By confluence grete with them were allocyate
Grete Joye it was to them congregate
That all the worlde of theyr fame was replenysshed
Hunger nor solde theyr bodyes dyde abate
Vnto the tyme that thze pere were full synysshed

To accompte theyr lygnage it were longe to procede
But of the pryncypall I purpose to dyscryue
Ryght as the hystory and legende doth me lede
To study thereon it were contemplatyue
For of the virgyns I entende to contriue
With nobre of kynges & bysshoppes of grete honour
To folowe these virgyns theyr bygnyte dyd depriue
It was grete solace to se these sayntes in ordour

Rothus reioysed to se the congregacyon
Augmentynge dayly in cryste our sayth catholyke
Theyr vertuous lyuynge theyr loue theyr couersacio
Theyr heuenly lust replete with sode aungelyke
That of theyr prayse the psalmist dyde pronostike
Quia perfecisti laudem ex ore infantium

Confourmpnge well the wordes euangelike
Quod virgines prudentes portabant oleum

Theyr holy names to expresse I entende
Of all the pryncypall after the trewe hystory
Tho that I can not in ryme all comprehend
Labour the entent and lette the sounde passe by
Theyr holy names to the ryme may not applye
To vary the sence for soundynge of a syllable
I holde not best lest some wolde thynke contrary
And Iuge this wyrtynge forged or fallible

The names of virgyns:
Aboue all other these fyue were pryncypall
Ursula was fyrst to cryste that cast her courage
The nexte Synnola of her orygynall
Cordula the thyrde doughter of an erle sage
Her legende sheweth she was of Ursulaes bygnage
The fourth Cleutheria doughter to Ursulaes aunt
The fyfth Florencia ryght wyle but yonge of age
Doughter of a kynge in þe fayth of cryste flagraunt

After these fyue .xi. more were electe
To be chese gyardes the other to conducte
With dyuers matrones the chyldren to protecte
Bothe preestes and clerkes the women to instructe
Some were small babes that of theyr mothers sucke
Angelles for comferte with them were conuersaunt
And deuyles also these virgyns seducte
Promysed grete ryches but they abode constaunt
The fyrst was Iothathe doughter of a kynge
With her two systers Gemyngan and Justyce
Whiche had a thousande byrgyns in her gyardage
The seconde Benygna whiche had a semblable offyce
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With Sybyll Nobyll Eufrosyn and Eustyce
All foure her sisters of a duke procreate
The thyrde Clemencia doughter to an erle of pryce
Julian and Inducta her sisters allocyate

The fourth Sapiencia doughter of a prynce prudent
With her two sisters Eulalia and Serene
The fyfth Carpafoza of a kynge procedent
With Eutropped & Pallidore sisters & virgyns clene
The syxte Columba to a thousande dyde preuene
With Cordula her sister of a kynge generate
The seuenth Benedicta with her foure sisters shene
To her obedyence a thousand congregate

The eyght Odilia of a grete erle dyscended
With sisters twayne Ursicia and Juliana
To her proteccyon a thousande were commaunded
The nyynth Celindus with her sister Virgilia
Bozne of a kynge the tenth was Sibilia
With her thre sisters a thousande had to cure
Named Juliana Lucia and Eugenia
All kynges doughters and virgyns clene and pure

The .xi. Lucia of corps and vertue venuste
Ryght nyce of kynne to the prynce Ethereus
Under her guydyng she had a thousande Juste
With Blacida her sister a virgyn beauteous
These .xi. virgyns in cryste so courageous
Aboue all other possessed the pryncypate
They spent theyr tyme in sportes ryght vertuous
No game was lefte amonge them improbate

¶ The names of byshoppes:
The nombze of byshoppes I purpose to patesye

That with these virgins suffered theyr martyrdom
Fyue out of Englonde came to this company
Fyrst was Willms of holy conuersacyon
Iacobus his brother wente with the congregacyon
And bysshoppes bothe and vncles to Ursula
The thyrde Ywanus borne of the same nacyon
Well aged and vncle to virgyn Eulalia

The fourth Elentherius / the fyfth Lotharius hyght
To the pryncce Etherius ryght nye of bygnage
Also the bysshoppe of methe with all his myght
Named Mauricius mette them in theyr byage
He hasted hym to wyne the heuenly gage
To Ursulaes moder brother he was germayne
With Panthalus bysshop and guyde in theyr passage
Brought them to Rome & syth frome Rome agayne

Of .xiii. kynges her bystozye doth expresse
Of whiche I purpose theyr names to notesse
Besechynge hertely the reders to redesse
Theyr eeres to god and to flee ypocryse
Some man wolde thynke that thystozye doth lye
Thatso many kynges sholde dye withouten fyght
Remembze of olde that cronycles beresye
That many a lord was called a kyng of myght

The names of kynges.

Bycause of dygnyte a kynges sone named a kyng
A dukes sone a duke and so forth conforuable
Not than as now one in a londe reygnyng
Wherof Etheus in fayth bothe ferme and stable
Pryncce of grete bytayne of Ursula spousable
Not in theyr passage to Rome assocate
But as the aungell admytte hym acceptable
To be with his spouse in passyon copulate

The nexte Olivers with his spouse called Oliva
The thyrde was Crophorus w Cleopatra his spouse
The fourth was Lucius fader to þ princypall potha
And her two systers / the fyfth was Clodoueus
His quene Blandina and Eugyn beauteous
The syxte was Canutus with Balbina his quene
The seuenth with Margaret quene was Pyppinus
With theyr foure sones & doughters virgyns clene

The. viii. Adulphus with his quene Dyonyse
The. ix. Auitus / the. x. Syranus hyght
His quene Sibilia vertuous of wordes and wyle
The. xi. Berfridus in denmarke kynge of ryght
Conuerte by his wyfe Olina fayre and bryght
The. xii. Bonifacius a paynym with them went
Forsoke the derke Illumynate with theyr lyght
To ensewe the rule of our lozde omnipotent

The. xiii. kynge Lauerencius was named
A paynym tyraunt apenst our predycacyon
Cryste hym corrected and as a lambe hym tamed
He folowed his wyfe Joyned to the congregacyon
Egally with them to cryste made Immolacyon
With quenes of Irlande Bustore and Haginozall
This vertuous turbe made Joye and exultacyon
With playes and sportes and songes celestypall

Some man wolde aske how all these were susteyned
Where myght þ bytaylles be founde for so lōge space
He that to moyses manna in the deserte reyned
Myght them all satysfye with his perpetuall grace
They were appayred neyther in body nor in face
In clothyng labour in syknes yonge nor olde
In all theyr Journay welcomed in euery place

The gyftes of god be moderate many folde
Thus in theyr shippes these sayntes celestyall
Sayled for solace and lounded euerp nyght
Tyll that our lord to his courte byde them call
With bozall blastes byde stratche theyr sayles tyght
To be theyr gwydes he sente his aungelles bryght
Athwart the see by his drowne prouysyon
Brought them to haue through his immoderat myght
In the porte of tilia preserued in his tuicyon

This porte is sette besyde the mouth of the rynde
Where they were charged by the celestyall message
To sayle to Colen with the occydentall wynde
Theyr shippes were prest to perfourme theyr passage
Apenst the streame to Colen chose theyr byage
That. viii. dayes saylynge the thyrde day byd cōplete
Therwith the archebysshop & all the cytezeyns sage
Reuerently they were receyued in euerp strete

porte Tilia
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And there a while these byrgyns them reposed
Tyll that an aungell cōmaunded them to remeue
And bysyt Rome wherof the turbe reioysed
Thakynge þe archebysshop & cytezens toke theyr leue
They dressed theyr shippes their passage for to prue
And sayled thre dayes swyftely apenst the rynde
By none the fourth daye at balye byde arryue
Well. viii. dayes saylynge by force of behemēt wynde

At theyr dyscendynge receyued reuerently
Of Panthalus bysshop and all the cytezeyns
Gretely reioysed to se suche a company
Strengthyng our fayth by so grete confluence
Takynge theyr Jounay with herte & dyligence
To come on fote that were so tender of age

This Panthalus thought his synne to recompence
Hym to associate with them in theyr brage

These holy virgyns to come made theyr progressyon
And Panthalus byschop with his assynpte
The maydens wente by couples in processyon
In vertuous talkynge theyr mynde dyde satysfye
They suffred no payne passynge the mountayns hye
No horse nor carte to them were exigent
Saue kynges and byshoppes had in theyr company
An hondred horse to cary theyr arayment

No rayne nor tempest made them impedymment
Frome theyr departynge out of the palays of nothus
Unto the tyme that cryste omnipotent
Dyde them inuyte vnto his realme so glozyous
Thus in shorte space they came all Joyous
Within a daye of Rome all congregate
They mette with the reuerent fader in god Cesarius
The byschoppe of myllan to them associate

¶ Here they came to Rome.

*Ciriacke pope
and vinent
cardynall
was of the
nacyon of
Brytane*

To come they came theyr reuerence for to make
Where they were receyued ryght solemply wth pcession
With all his cardynalles there came the pope ciriacke
Unto saynt Peters they made theyr fyrst processyon
The pope was gladde to se theyr conuersacion
For he of Brytayne had his ovygynall
And vinent cardynall bozne of the same natyon
Many of theyr lygnage amonge the virgyns small

Some of the maydens that were not baptysed
The pope complete in them the sacrament
Every daye prechyng holpy aduertysed

Tyll that our lord an aungell to hym sente
And tolde the pope that it was expediente
That he sholde resygne to Antherus his renoume
And folowe these byrgyns to Colen in this entente
There to receyue the crowne of martyrdom

Maximian and Africane in rome had dominacyon
Whiche of these byrgyns made a grete inquisicyon
Tyll that they knewe theyr waye and conuersacyon
Ferynge that by them our fayth sholde haue addicion
And sente to Julius of henaudes a pryncyng comyscion
To mete these byrgyns at Colen on the rynde
And there to kyll them reseruyng no remyscion
And so this Julius fulfilled the tyrauntes mynde

Whan þ these byrgyns a whyle in Rome had reygned
They were commaunded by the courte celestyall
To take theyr waye where cryste had them assygned
Than Cyprike pope gaue vp his dygnyte papall
The romayns resysted so dyde the cardynalles all
But in no wyse he wolde to them applye
Of hym in Catholoco is no memorypall
Bycause he resygned they sayd Irreuerently

With Cyprike yssued the cardynall vincent
So towarde Colen this company toke theyr waye
Iacobus of byrtayne after these byrgyns wente
Cardynall of antyoche he had ben many a days
Grete Joye it was to se them in theyr araye
How mekely they wente to theyr passyon assygned
Now lette them passe perfourmyng theyr Jounay
And of Etheus speke that in Englonde reygned
Unto Etheus an aungell was dyrecte

Etheus
Byng.

Commaundyng hym to leue his patrymony
To mete his spoule with her to be electe
Whiche hasted hym to folowe effectuously
He baptysed his mdder and his syster solemplye
To mete with Ursula by shyppe they toke passage
Apenst the rynde to mense the ryche cyte
Therwith the virgyns they mette on theyr vyage

Than was Etheus baptysed by the pope
Whiche afoze that tyme by dyuyn ammonycon
Commaunded was to haue good fayth and hope
And not be crystened but by the popes prouysyon
Than with grete Joye to colen they made regressyon
With Clement þ bysshop with kyniges & many a duke
And Hercules bysshop of grece in theyr tuicyon
With them assocpate Sollarius bysshop of Luke

This holy turbe to Colen made theyr retourne
All clene confessed prest in theyr pylgrymage
Aboute the cyte the henaudes dyde solourne
Whiche of the nauy aspyed the hole arryuage
Than Ursula prayed to cryste with all courage
To saue her systers from Sathans seduccyon
Than sente our saupour a celestyall message
Saynt Iohn þ euāgelyst þ kepte thē from corrupcyon
Here begynneth the passyon.

This constaunt company towarde þ londē approached
To whome the henaudes resyste ryght vyolently
The shotte of arrowes bytterly the bodyes broched
These souerayne sayntes suffred them paciently
Tyll at the last the tyrauntes dyde aspye
The excellent fauour wherwith they were endued
Despyred theyr lust the virgyns dyde them denye

Wherfoze the murther with rancour they renewed
Some in theyr shyppes were slayne & some on londe
Some were beheded / some drowned in the flood
To purchase blyffe they suffred theyr enemyes honde
Comendynge theyr soules to hym that dyed on rood
As a newe herode they shedde the Innocentes blood
The Innaturall nacyon with rancour all enraged
Inflamed in furye fedde with the deuylles food
They spared no plone but quelled bothe yonge & aged

There Ursula stode with the noble prynce Ethereus
Constauntly abydyng the swerde of crownacyon
The rurall rebelles aspyed her with her spouse
To Julius they made of them a presentacyon
Whiche at Ethereus had grete Indygnacyon
And roof hym with a swerde so smytte with Jalousy
He entreted the virgyn with fayze communycacyon
And with grete terrour his lust to satysfye

This vertuous virgyn abhorred his fleshely proffte
In hym rebukynge with wordes mylde and sage
The seed of sathan her sapyence myght not suffre
But grenned for wode with rancour he began to rage
He drewe an arrowe his anger to all wage
And perced the prudent prymerose thurgh the bryayne
Commendynge her soule to cryste with all courage
Thus were these sayntes dysperpled spoyled & slayne
Alas what rumour thurgh out the cyte reygned
To se these virgyns lyenge alonge the streame
So noble lygnage theyr hedes so lowe enclyned
What deith were worthy these cowardes to cōdempne
Whiche spoyled theyr bodyes of golde & pcyous gēme

About the cyte as the psalmyst declareth
Effuderunt vt aquam sanctorum sanguinem
In circuitu Iherusalem et non est qui sepeliret

All were delecte excepte one Cordula
Whiche ferynge deth dyde her in a shyppe by lowe
She kepte her secreete tyll on the seconde daye
Than she behelde her systers lyenge on a rowe
Bothe preest and clerke dyspoyled & all ouerthrowe
Sorrowfull in her thought & she had tarped behynde
Amonge the tourmentes she dyde her selfe be knowe
So was she quelled in callynge cryste to her mynde

Whan all were slayne these rebelles dyde remeue
Than came þe bysshop with prestes & solempne songe
And buryed theyr bodyes reuerently for theyr releue
None vnto this houre is buryed them amonge
The bankes with blode were rubefyed all a longe
Theyr soules receyued with the celestyal courte
Frome heuen to therth thaungelles melody songe
Wherof all crysten toke Joye and grete comforte

With sayntes relyques this cyte is sanctefyed
Of whome all crysten doth make memoꝝyall
In libꝛo vite theyr names be notefyed
Within a nonre theyr bones hath buryall
Of the sayd cyte in remoꝝs perpetuall
Where dayly cometh pylgrymes for consolacyon
Myacles ben shewed to people bypꝛuersall
Of some I purpose to make a declaracyon

An abbot there was not ferre frome Colen dwellynge
He of the myacles desyred for consolacyon

To byspte these virgyns deuocyon hym compellynge
Came to the nonre to make his Immolacyon
Desyred of the abbelle for the virgyn laudacyon
One of theyr bodyes to reste in his abbacye
Promysynge þe abbelle with faythfull cōpnyncacyon
Within a yere to shewe her ornacye

The abbelle graunted this virgyn was translated
Unto this abbay with songe ryght solemplye
This vntrue abbotte his faythfull promyse abayted
Lettyng her rest twelue moneth irreuerentlye
Behynde an awter couered Incompetently
In a bordyn cheste tyll an hole yere was synysshed
The daye was paste the promyse to veresye
Home to her sisters this vertuous virgyn banysshed

The monkes at mydnyght in theyr seruyce deuyne
This virgyn paste shyngynge in her araye
Out chughe the quere lowly she dyde enclyne
Afoze the sacrament her salutacyon dyde saye
And toke her lycence homeward to go her waye
Makynge obeyssaunce to the monkes one by one
This Insolent syght put them in grete affraye
Home to her tombe in Colen she is gone

The abbotte dyde thynke this syght but fantasye
Wente to her cheste and founde no thyng therin
Syth wente to Colen his mynde to satysfye
Tryste in his thought for his grete horryble synne
He tolde the abbelle the voydaunce of the virgyn
Streight to her tombe they wente & foude her there
In laude of this (Te deum) they dyde begyn
Syth shall no man fro thens no relyques bere

¶ A myracle done in Englonde.

Also in Shropshyre a bonte the maner of Langly
A spyryte of hell appered for grete illusyon
Faynyng hym selfe a spyryte of prophecy
Sayenge that he was an aungell that in conclusyon
Within that countre he caused grete confusyon
By terriblesyghtes ofte chaungynge his seblaunce
Some kylled themselfe / so bounde in his abusyon
Amonge good louers puttyng alway dystaunce

No preest nor clerke myghte put hym fro that place
Tyll god prouyded at Ursulaes petycyon
Sendynge his seruaunt garnysshed w his grete grace
Whiche was an hermyte of holy dysposycyon
Named Johā of warwycke to performe his comissio
To voyde that fende whiche all the people fludde
Saynt Ursula appered and gaue hym ammonycyon
To walke to Langly that this fende were excluded

This vertuous hermyte to Langley toke his waye
Whete he enquiryed the facyon of that fende
The people shewed that on the nexte palme sondaye
The spyryte wolde speke & shewe moze of his mynde
No conjuracyon we haue that can hym bynde
Thus he hath shewed to them that hath hym sene
The hermyte merueyled to se the people so blynde
In them exortynge to be confessed clene

The day approached that this spyryte sholde appere
The people them kepte holy in contemplacyon
On palme sonday nyght when all reposed were
It called the hermyte by name of his appellacyon
Whiche answered / and came at his vocacyon
Wenynge to hym it had ben the lord of the place
He aspyed the spyryte whiche put hym in tribulacyō

His mynde dystracte to fle he had no space

**Backwarde remenyng to the brynke of a water
The fende hym folowed in lykenes of a whele
All on a fyre the flambe abroad dyde shatter
To drowne the heremyte this was his curst cautele
Whiche for the water myght flee hym neuer a dele
But suffred the fyre feruente with confydence
His clothes they brente his flesshe the fyre dyde fele
He called on cryst for payne in his defence**

**A voyce appered sayenge vnto that fende
Sathan seductour thy cause is clene cassate
The deuyl then answered here haue I lost my mynde
Now thou arte come my name is adnichylate
After that voyce the grete hete dyde abate
The voyce constraynyng the fende there too confesse
And therwe the cause wherfore he dyd a wayte
To peruerte the people which shewed y hole progresse**

**Thus sayd the spyryte here dwelled a synfull man
Whiche for two synnes was dampned perpetually
One for his rychelle whiche couetously he wan
And not dysposed where moost was necessary
A nother cause was he commytte culpably
To mary a woman his fayth he had promysed
Whiche afterwarde of his purpose dyde vary
Maryenge a nother faythles vnатыpled**

**My purpose was the people to deceyue
Causyng this body so dampned to translate
Commaundyng straytly all other sayntes to leue
And it to worshyp as souerayne sanctifycate
Ursula. B.ii.**

Affermyngge my selfe frome god annunciate
Sayenge that it was the bones of a birgyn holy
And I the soule to make it ratyficate
This was my purpose to cause ydolatrpe

Also I caused the persone of rokyfly
To drowne hym selfe with dyuerse many mo
Johñ darcas esqupers to hange hym pryuely
And dyuers bataylles ayenst the chyrche also
And all the people ydolatrpe to do
Than the boyce caused the spyryte auoyde fro thens
Whiche sayd though I fro this habytacyon go
I haue moo felawes to kepe here resydens

Thus was the spyryte auoyded frome that place
The boyce with þ heremyte had holy cōmunycacyon
Shewynge hym her name Ursula replete with grace
For whome our lord had graunted grete consolacion
Unto all people that hath her in laudacyon
Frome sodayne deth frome fyre and all tempeste
Frome fallynge sykenes from enmye from dampnaciō
At her petycyon our lord hath this conceste

Also yf a woman with chylde be trauaylynge
And call to Ursula for helpe in her affecyon
Our lord hath graunted the chylde his crystenynge
And saue the woman at Ursulaes petycyon
This hath she gyuen the heremyte in commysyon
Unto all people this myracle to commende
With dyuers moo wherof is no dyffynycyon
Loke in her hystoꝛpe where moze is comprehendē
Also she charged the heremyte that for her sake
His faythfull dylgēce in this he wolde emplye

And charge the byſſhop cōmaundement for to make
To all the curates to preche it ſolempnely
And her to reuerence with all her company
With certayne prayers wherof ſhe hym inſtructe
To reuerence all her ſyſters ſyngulerlye
The heremyte promyſed to be her true conducte

This was the prayer that he that with contrycyon *forma oratio.*
Dayly wolde ſaye worſhyppynge the trynyte *Ms.*
A pater noſter and a credo for theyr exhybycyon
Fyue pater noſters in honour of the Deyte
And aues fyue reuerencyng the virgyn Marye
And for all ſayntes a pater noſter aue and a crede
For all cryſten ſoules as moche for theyr ſupplie
Perpetuall blyſſe in heuen ſhall be theyr mede

In honour of Ursula a pater noſter w the ſalutacyon
As moche to Iulyan in her paſſyon aſſymylate
A pater noſter and an aue for Cordulaes laudacyon
With ſuche lyke prayer eche virgyn reuerate
Than ſhall theyr ſynnes frome them be ſeparate
All men and women that this prayer doth uſe
Ursula to god ſhall be theyr aduocate
Of theyr offences clerely for to excuſe

The thyrde parte of the virgyns ſhall be preſent
Hym to preſerue frome fendes whan he ſhall dye
The ſeconde ſhall mete his ſoule with true entent
It to preſent afore the hye mageſte
The thyrde ſhall praye for it to the trynyte
Whiche by petycyon hath graunt his mercye & grace
To all that ſayth this prayer deuoutlye
Ones in theyr lyfe ſeuerally whan they haue ſpace

With this she banyshed the heremyte in cōmaūdyng
That in her cause he wolde be dyligente
The heremyte lauded our lord and her knelynge
And shewed the people the byspon and thentente
How the spyryte was gone at Ursulaes cōmaūdemēt
The people reioysed for boydaunce of the fende
Prayenge to the virgyns theyr soules to present
Unto that blisse enduryng without ende

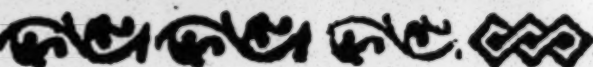
Who that these virgyns wyll serue with this prayer
Pater noster and aues he must saye .xi. dayly
Than shall they seuerally be serued in thre yere
Seruyng the fader and the sone with our lady
All sayntes all soules as I dyde patefy
Afoze eche thousande and credes .xi. in order
Oz elles eche daye pater nosters .xxx. and thre
Thus in one yere ye may them all honour

This myracle was shewed at Langely in Shropshyre
The whiche grete nobylles by wytyng do testefye
Of worthy men who lyst them to requyre
As abbottes and knyghtes & squyers of that countre
With syr Roberte le lord of the sayd Langly
To testefye trouth theyr seales dyde appende
Whiche ben in Colen to shewe for a memoze
With many mo meruayles as sheweth her ture legende

With souerayne sayntes this cyte is sanctefyed
As with thre kynges to cryste that made oblacyon
Also wth these virgyns ryght meruaylously magnyfied
Saynt Albon of englonde there resteth by trāslacyon
With thousandes mo not known by nominacyon
In libzo vite whose names ben comprehende
Now lette vs praye this turbe with contemplacyon

That all oure soules to crystthey may commende

**Uite sancte Ursule sodaliumq; suarum
translata e sermone latino in anglicum/
costatu fratris Edmundi hatfeld monachi
Rossensis ac iussi illustrissime domine Dñe
Margarete matris excellentissime pñci
pis Henrici septimi. Impressa finitfeliciter
per me Wynandum de worde Londo
nis cōmozantem in bico bulgariter dicto
the fletestrete in signo solis et lune**

**Sequitur oratio deuota ad vñdecim
milia virginum** 

Oratio ad sanctam Ursulam et ad sodales suas

**Concozr chozr castitatis virginum et martirum
Ursula cum sociatis ad eternum bñuūm pro amoze
trinitatis et regine virginum. vestris meritis adiuue
tis et ope pñcamini. vos colentes cum beatis secun
dum vestrum meritum. vos in aduersis protegatis p
vestrum pñsidium. Et absolui faciatis ab omni labe
criminum. Ac post mortem perducatis ad eternum
gaudium. V. Orate pro nobis sponse Dei electe. R. Ut
ad vestrū consozciū valeamus peruenire. Oremus:**

Omnipotēs sempiternē deus qui es sponsus vir
ginum pñmium martirum et piūssimus exau
ditoz omnium sanctozū tuozum: meritis et pñcibus
gloriosissimarum sponsarū tuarū sanctissime Ursule
sociarumq; suarum virginū et martirum. concedere
digners michi et omnibus eas venerantibus singu
lozū peccatozū nostrozū veniam / in aduersis ex

pedtentem protectionem in prosperis congruam direc-
 tionem et gratiam nos confirmandi plenarie ad tuam
 voluntatē michi sine illorum visibilem consolationem
 et cum illis transitum securum ad gloriam sempiter-
 nam. Qui vivis et regnas deus. per omnia secula secul-
 lorum. Amen.



